

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-33 (canceled).

Claim 34 (withdrawn). A method of cleaning a surface, comprising:

providing a body;

inserting a cleaning head into the body such that the cleaning head is retained in the body;

contacting the cleaning head against the surface; and

ejecting the cleaning head from the body.

Claim 35 (withdrawn). The method of claim 34 wherein the surface is a surface of a toilet and ejecting includes ejecting the cleaning head into the toilet, the method further comprising flushing the toilet after ejecting the cleaning head.

Claim 36 (withdrawn). The method of claim 34 wherein the cleaning head include a plurality of bristles and contacting the cleaning head against the surface causes the plurality of bristles to flare.

Claim 37 (withdrawn). The method of claim 34 wherein the body includes a plunger coupled to a collar, the collar movably coupled to the body and movable between first and second positions, wherein ejecting the cleaning head includes moving the collar from the first position towards the second position such that the plunger urges the cleaning head away from the body.

Claim 38 (withdrawn). The method of claim 37 wherein moving the collar towards the second position causes the plunger to become substantially flush with an end of the body thereby ejecting the cleaning head.

Claim 39 (withdrawn). The method of claim 38 further comprising releasing the collar whereby the collar moves towards the first position such that the plunger moves away from the end of the body.

Claim 40 (new). A cleaning apparatus, comprising:

a handle having a substantially hollow tubular body with a proximal end and a distal end;

actuation means operably coupled to the tubular body, said actuation means including a plunger mechanism slidably disposed within said tubular body and a collar concentrically disposed around said tubular body near said proximal end of

said tubular body, said collar being slidable between a first position and a second position and coupled to the plunger mechanism; and

a cleaning head detachably coupled to said distal end of said tubular body;

wherein sliding the collar from said first position towards said second position actuates said plunger mechanism to eject the cleaning head from said distal end of said tubular body.

Claim 41 (new). The cleaning apparatus according to claim 40, wherein said plunger mechanism disposed within the tubular body comprises a driver, a drivable element disposed adjacent to the driver, and a plunger head engaged with the distal end of the drivable element, said driver being operably coupled to the collar and the drivable element.

Claim 42 (new). The cleaning apparatus according to claim 41, wherein sliding the collar towards the second position causes the plunger head to become substantially flush with the distal end of the tubular body.

Claim 43 (new). The cleaning apparatus according to claim 42, wherein the tubular body comprises a pair of longitudinal slots and the driver comprises a post extending through the longitudinal slots for engagement with the collar.

Claim 44 (new). The cleaning apparatus according to claim 40, wherein said handle comprises a receiver portion at the distal end of the tubular body to temporarily receive the detachable cleaning head, and said plunger head is disposed within the

receiver portion, wherein actuation of the plunger head ejects the cleaning head from the receiver portion.

Claim 45 (new). The cleaning apparatus according to claim 44, wherein the receiver portion has at least one rib configured to engage the cleaning head.

Claim 46 (new). The cleaning apparatus according to claim 44, wherein at least one O-ring configured to prevent fluid flow into the tubular body is arranged between the plunger head and the receiver portion.

Claim 47 (new). The cleaning apparatus according to claim 40, wherein the tubular body comprises a plurality of guides for receiving and guiding the plunger mechanism.

Claim 48 (new). The cleaning apparatus according to claim 40, wherein the tubular body comprises at least two axially disposed sections.

Claim 49 (new). The cleaning apparatus according to claim 40, wherein said cleaning head comprises a plurality of bristles having distal ends collectively forming a cleaning surface and a retainer securing the proximal ends of the plurality of bristles.

Claim 50 (new). The cleaning apparatus according to claim 49, wherein the retainer is a sleeve.

Claim 51 (new). The cleaning apparatus according to claim 49, wherein the plurality of bristles are arranged in a substantially spiral configuration.

Claim 52 (new). The cleaning apparatus according to claim 49, wherein the cleaning surface is concave.

Claim 53 (new). The cleaning apparatus according to claim 49, wherein the cleaning head comprises biodegradable materials and is flushable.

Claim 54 (new). A cleaning apparatus, comprising:

a handle having a substantially hollow tubular body with a proximal end and a distal end, said tubular body comprising axially disposed a proximal section and a distal section;

actuation means operably coupled to the tubular body, said actuation means including a plunger mechanism slidably disposed within the proximal section and the distal section of the tubular body, said plunger mechanism being slidable between a first position and a second position; and

a cleaning head detachably coupled to the distal end of the tubular body;

wherein sliding the plunger mechanism from the first position towards the second position ejects the cleaning head from the distal end of the tubular body.

Claim 55 (new). The cleaning apparatus according to claim 54, wherein the plunger mechanism comprises a driver disposed within the proximal section of the tubular body, a drivable element disposed adjacent to the driver within the distal section of

the tubular body, and a plunger head engaged with the distal end of the drivable element, said driver being operably coupled to the drivable element.

Claim 56 (new). The cleaning apparatus according to claim 55, wherein the plunger mechanism comprises a collar concentrically disposed around the proximal section of the tubular body near the proximal, said collar being slidable between a first position and a second position and coupled to the driver, a spring concentrically disposed around a portion of the drivable element, and a cap engaged with the proximal end of the drivable element and disposed adjacent to the spring.

Claim 57 (new). The cleaning apparatus according to claim 56, wherein the proximal section of the tubular body comprises a pair of longitudinal slots and the driver comprises a post extending through the longitudinal slots for engagement with the collar.

Claim 58 (new). The cleaning apparatus according to claim 55, wherein said handle comprises a receiver portion at the distal end of the distal section of the tubular body to temporarily receive the detachable cleaning head, and said plunger head is disposed within the receiver portion, wherein actuation of the plunger head ejects the cleaning head from the receiver portion.

Claim 59 (new). The cleaning apparatus according to claim 58, wherein the receiver portion has at least one rib configured to engage the cleaning head.

Claim 60 (new). The cleaning apparatus according to claim 58, wherein at least one O-ring configured to prevent fluid flow into the tubular body is arranged between the plunger head and the receiver portion.

Claim 61 (new). The cleaning apparatus according to claim 54, wherein the distal and the proximal sections of the tubular body comprise a plurality of guides for receiving and guiding the plunger mechanism.

Claim 62 (new). The cleaning apparatus according to claim 54, wherein said cleaning head comprises a plurality of bristles having distal ends collectively forming a cleaning surface and a retainer securing the proximal ends of the plurality of bristles.

Claim 63 (new). The cleaning apparatus according to claim 62, wherein the retainer is a sleeve.

Claim 64 (new). The cleaning apparatus according to claim 62, wherein the plurality of bristles are arranged in a substantially spiral configuration.

Claim 65 (new). The cleaning apparatus according to claim 62, wherein the cleaning surface is concave.

Claim 66 (new). The cleaning apparatus according to claim 62, wherein the cleaning head comprises biodegradable materials and is flushable.